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SUBJECT:U.S. REQUESTS OF EC ON FISH AND FISH PRODUCTS

REF: GENEVA 12509, STATE 176205

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1. THE FOLLOWING RESPONDS TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS RAISED IN
GENEVA 12509 CONCERNING U.S. REQUEST OF EC ON FISH AND FISH
PRODUCTS. INSTRUCTIONS ON SUPPLEMENTAL REQUESTS SUPERSEDE
THOSE IN STATE 176205.

2. SUPPLEMENTAL REQUESTS: (A) MIPS - DEL SHOULD MAKE
SUPPLEMENTAL REQUESTS ON MIPS FOR: 03.01B1Q HAKE, FROZEN;

03.03B1VA1AA SQUID (OMNASHREPHOS AND LOLIGO S.P.P) FROZEN; AND 03.03B1VA1BB SQUID (OTHER) FROZEN. DEL SHOULD REQUEST ELIMINATION OF THE REFERENCE PRICES ON THESE PRODUCTS. THESE NEW REQUESTS SHOULD BE PREFACED WITH REMARKS CONCERNING U.S. VIEW THAT MIPS CONTRAVENE THE GATT. DEL SHOULD ALSO INDICATE THAT VALUE OF TARIFF CONCESSIONS ON THESE PRODUCTS IS MINIMAL TO U.S. IF EC MAINTAINS ITS REFERENCE PRICES. MEANINGFUL RESPONSE FROM THE EC ON FISH REQUESTS IS AN IMPORTANT U.S. MTN OBJECTIVE. (B) QUOTAS, DO NOT MAKE REQUEST ON QUOTA ON EELS 03.01A11. WE DO NOT RANK THIS AS HIGH PRIORITY ITEM SINCE U.S. EELS HAVE BEEN

EXPORTED DESPITE THE HIGHER TARIFF ASSOCIATED WITH THE QUOTA. FURTHER, IF U.S. TARIFF REQUEST IS FULLY MET THIS WILL ENTAIL ELIMINATION OF THE TARIFF RATE QUOTA.

3. ORIGINAL REQUESTS (A) 03.01B1A2BB SALTWATER HERRING, U.S. SHOULD MAINTAIN TARIFF REQUEST ON THIS ITEM. TEMPORARY (UNBOUND) DUTY SUSPENSION DOES NOT SATISFY U.S. NEEDS. U.S. DOES NOT BENEFIT FROM BOUND DUTY-FREE QUOTA. IN PRACTICE QUOTA IS FILLED BEFORE JUNE 16. KEY U.S. CATCH DATES ARE FROM JUNE 16 TO FEBRUARY 14. UNDER CONVENTIONAL SYSTEM, THEREFORE, U.S. HERRING WOULD BE SUBJECT TO 15 PERCENT DUTY. FOR CONSISTENCY WITH BASIC U.S. POSITION ON MIPS OUTLINED ABOVE, NTM REQUEST ON THIS ITEM SHOULD BE CHANGED TO ELIMINATION OF REFERENCE PRICE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FYI: HOWEVER, IF EC STATES DEFINITELY THAT REFERENCE PRICE IS BOUND AT 200 U.A./M.T., MTN DEL SHOULD NOT PRESS STRONGLY FOR THIS NTM REQUEST. IF REFERENCE PRICE IS UNBOUND MTN DEL SHOULD PRESS ELIMINATION REQUEST. (B) 03.01B2M2BB, MACKEREL, FROZEN, TEMPORARY, UNBOUND, SUSPENSION OF THE DUTY DOES NOT SATISFY U.S. FUTURE NEEDS. MACKEREL IS PREVALENT IN 200 MILE FISHING ZONE. (C) 03.01B1Q, HAKE, FROZEN--EC DUTY REDUCTION IS TEMPORARY, LESS THAN U.S. REQUEST, AND COVERS ONLY PART OF THIS ITEM. IT DOES NOT SATISFY U.S. REQUEST. (D) 16.04C11, HERRING, PREPARED OR PRESERVED--EC DUTY SUSPENSION IS TEMPORARY AND COVERS ONLY PART OF THIS ITEM. IT DOES NOT SATISFY U.S. REQUEST. (E) 16.05A, CRABS, PREPARED OR PRESERVED--DUTY SUSPENSION DOES NOT SATISFY U.S. REQUEST. U.S. CRABS ARE PACKED IN CONTAINERS SMALLER THAN 2 KILOGRAMS. (F) 16.05B, SHRIMP, PREPARED OR PRESERVED--DUTY SUSPENSION DOES NOT SATISFY U.S. REQUEST. U.S. SHRIMP ARE PACKED IN CONTAINERS SMALLER THAN 2 KILOGRAMS.

3. MTN DEL SHOULD INFORM EC THAT U.S. WOULD WELCOME CONCESSIONS WHICH EC STATED MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IN JULY BILATERALS ON 03.03A111, CRABS AND FRESHWATER CRAYFISH;

03.03A1VA, PRAWNS; AND CRABS 16.05A CRABS, PREPARED OR PRESERVED. FYI: FOR 03.03A111 WE ARE ACTUALLY NOT INTERESTED IN CRAYFISH ONLY CRABS.

4. OFFERS ON EC FISH TARIFFS GIVEN TO STRAUSS IN JULY DO NOT RESPOND TO U.S. PRIORITY INTERESTS. HOWEVER, EC OFFER ON 03.01A1 SALMON IS OF VALUE. EC OFFERS ON SHARK AND LOBSTER ARE OF LIMITED VALUE. CHRISTOPHER

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